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TO : Chairman, USCIB  
VIA : CIA Member (Mr. Sheldon)  
FROM : Executive Secretary, USCIB  
SUBJECT: Petersen Case.

DATE: 8 March 1955  
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1. The attached copy of a letter from Petersen to Judge Bryan asking for a new trial on the grounds of incompetency of counsel was delivered to me this morning by Mr. Ellis of the FBI.

X1 2. I have consulted the legal counsel made available to me by your office [redacted] and Mr. Foley of the Department of Justice both of whom agree that there appears to be no action required of the Board unless and until Mr. Thurman Arnold or some other attorney should file a petition on Petersen's behalf. In this connection Mr. Foley of Justice advises that there has been no approach made to the Department of Justice and that he is doubtful that Judge Bryan would grant a petition for a new trial if one were filed although I understand it is legally permissible for him to do so.

3. This occurrence is being reported to the members of the Board as a matter of information.

Very respectfully,

[redacted]  
Captain, U. S. Navy  
Executive Secretary, USCIB

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